

Amendments to the Specification:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new paragraph by inserting before the first line of page 1 after the title:

This is a Division of Application No. 09/866,766 filed May 30, 2001, which is in turn a Division of Application No. 08/737,020 filed November 1, 1996 and issued as U.S. Patent 6,266,943 Bq issued July 31, 2001, which in turn claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 7-088558 filed March 10, 1995, 7- 140105 filed May 16, 1995, 7-177936 filed June 22, 1995, 7-232038 filed August 18, 1995, and 7-235463 filed September 13, 1995 in Japan for National Stage of PCT/JP96/00543 on March 6, 1996. The entire disclosures of the prior applications, together with the foreign priority applications, are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 7-20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the separable laminated container with the second feature of the present invention, a portion of the inner layer adjacent to the air suction hole may be previously partly separated from the outer layer. As structured above, air is smoothly introduced between the outer layer and the inner layer even at the first time to pour out the liquid content for use so that the separation of the inner layer is easily made and the shrinkage and deformation of the inner layer is easily conducted. Since only a part of the inner layer is separated in the pre-separation, a small amount of air for the pre-separation is enough. In this case also, the position of the ~~neck~~ air suction hole is not limited and the method of forming a hole is not limited.

Please replace the paragraph at page 42, lines 19-27 - page 43, lines 1-2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Then, the laminated parison is set in the mold and molded into a desired bottle-like configuration by blow molding in such a manner as to have an air suction hole in the outer layer. The blow mold is provided with three little concavities in a molding face of the shoulder 103, which is elliptical as seen from the top, of the container at the minor axis side thereof. These concavities are to form the projections 115 as marks for peripheral positioning. The projections 115 are formed by pushing parts of the outer layer into the concavities.

Please replace the paragraph at page 55, lines 18-27 - page 56, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As stated above, the container A with the air suction hole 210 is held in the position for the pre-separation, after that, the pre-separating air is introduced between the outer layer 201 and the inner layer 202 through the air suction hole 210 by the first air supply member 220, and then the air is blown into the container A through the neck 204 by the second air supply member-~~220~~ 230 so as to discharge the pre-separating air previously introduced to return the inner layer 202 to the original state. In this manner, the pre-separation is finished.

Please replace the paragraph at page 56, lines 19-15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In addition, by previously separating only a part of the inner layer 202 around the air suction hole 210 from the outer layer 201, the air is smoothly introduced between the outer layer 201 and the inner layer 202 even in the initial stage of pouring out the liquid content when the separable container is in use, thereby facilitating the separation of the inner layer 202.

Please replace the paragraph at page 69, lines 10-17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the air suction hole 406 is formed in any other place than the neck 405, the pre-separating air in the space 408 is discharged according to the descent of the pump E until the

seal 425 reaches the lower edge 405c. As the seal 425 moves downward apart from the lower edge 405c, the airtightness of the container body D is released, and the discharge of the pre-separating air is stopped.

Please replace the paragraph at page 74, lines 7-13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the initial volume Q_a is set to be equal to the discharged volume Q_b , the pre-separating air within the space 408 is completely discharged and the separated portion 402a of the inner layer 402 is returned to the original state so as to bring the separated portion 402a of the inner layer 402 in contact with the outer layer 401.

Please replace the paragraph at page 79, lines 15-20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since the air within the space 408 is discharged by installing the pump E to the container body D, the step for blowing air into the container ~~A~~ body D in order to discharge the pre-separating air is not necessary in the pre-separation process, thereby facilitating the manufacturing process.

Please replace the paragraph at page 79, lines 21-24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Moreover, the state of the pre-separation can be inspected just by observing the inside of the container body D from the upper side of the neck ~~305~~ 405 of the container A.

Please replace the paragraph at page 80, lines 19-25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

On the other hand, in case of the sixth embodiment, since the seal ~~434~~ 433 of the inner lid F is in contact with the outer surface of the cylinder 421 to compress the outer surface and the sealed state is kept to the end, the air within the container body D is compressed so that there is a problem of rise in the inner pressure of the container body D.